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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

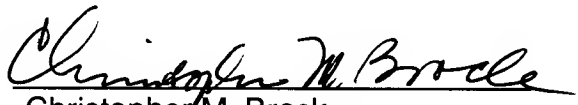
Sir:

Applicant gratefully notes the allowance of Claims 59-65 in the present application. Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104 (e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While Applicant believes the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability

resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the additional subject matter of remaining Claims 60-65, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject matter independent of the patentability of Claim 59.

Respectfully submitted,

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